

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to, and within two (2) months of, the final Office Action mailed July 27, 2006. Applicant previously elected Claims 1-12 and 25-29, and withdrew Claims 13-24. Applicant has canceled Claims 2-5 and 12-15 without prejudice, and expressly reserves the right to pursue the subject matter in the canceled claims in divisional and/or continuation applications. Applicant has herein amended Claims 1, 8-11 and 26-29, and added Claims 30-32. Accordingly, Claims 1, 6-11, and 25-32 are pending.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Office Action indicated that Claims 8-11 and 26-29 were objected to as being independent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations on the base claim and any intervening claims.

Accordingly, Applicant has canceled independent Claim 25 and rewritten Claims 26-29 in independent form to include all limitations of Claim 25.

As for Claims 8-11, allowable subject matter commonly exists between Claims 8 and 9, and between Claims 10-11. In particular, both Claims 8 and 9 commonly recite a hollow channel in at least one of the decorative modules and a corresponding accommodating extension in the horizontal base unit. Original Claim 8 specified that the hollow channel was "T" shaped while Claim 9 stated that it was an inverted "L" shape.

Accordingly, Applicant has amended Claim 1 to further add that at least one of the decorative modules includes a hollow channel, and that the horizontal base unit includes a corresponding accommodating extension to removably mate with the hollow channel. Applicant respectfully submits that this is not shown in the prior art.

Similarly, original Claims 10 and 11 commonly recited that the horizontal base unit includes a hollow channel (Claim 10 stated it was T-shaped, Claim 11 recited inverted "L" shape) and that at least one of the decorative modules includes a corresponding accommodating extension to removably mate with the hollow channel. Accordingly, Applicant has revised Claim 10 into independent form stating such. Dependent Claims 11 and 30 (newly added) recite the specific "T" shape and inverted "L" shape, respectively, of the hollow channel in the horizontal base unit.

Dependent Claims 31 and 32, which recite further unique features, have been added to depend upon now allowable independent Claim 10.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the independent claims are allowable over the cited prior art references. Applicant further submits that the dependent claims are allowable for the additional features recited therein.

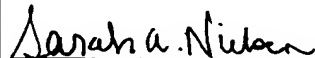
Applicant encourages the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney if it appears that a telephone conference would facilitate allowance of the application.

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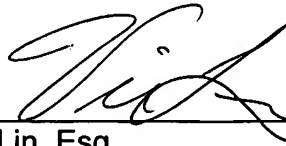
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